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His Excellency Banny de Drum
Ambassador of the Republic of
the Marshall Islands
Embassy of the Republic of
the Marshall Islands
2433 Massachusetts Avenue, N.W.
Washington, D.C. 20008

Dear Ambassador de Drum:

We missed you at the meetings in San Francisco, California, and want to compliment you for having Ms. Kristina Stege represent your office in your absence. Ms. Stege represented you well, and the meetings were very productive. I will be sending a letter to each mayor with my reflections on the major issues, for each, that were discussed in the annual meeting and executive meeting. I have enclosed a copy of the Record of Discussion from the executive meeting for your use.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Steven V. Cary".

Steven V. Cary
Deputy Assistant Secretary
for Health Studies

Enclosure

cc w/enclosure:
Kristina Stege, Embassy of the Republic
of the Marshall Islands



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**RECORD OF DISCUSSION
FOR
THE U.S. DEPARTMENT OF ENERGY (DOE) / REPUBLIC OF THE MARSHALL
ISLANDS (RMI) MEETING
JUNE 4, 2003**

Revised Charter: The RMI representatives proposed changing all references to "Local Government," "Local Atoll Governments," and "Local Government Council" in the Charter to "community" or "communities" (as appropriate to the context). Senator Yamamura stated that the correct name of his atoll is Utrök, rather than "Utrik" or "Utirik." Mr. Steven Cary and Ambassador Banny de Brum will sign the Charter in Washington, D.C.; and Mr. Cary will deliver it to the other signatories in Majuro in July.

Cost of Nonradiation Medical Care: Mr. Cary agreed to provide cost estimates for providing medical care, for nonradiation-related conditions, for the populations of Rongelap and Utrök covered by DOE's congressionally mandated radiological health care program. Mr. Cary will provide a range of estimates and assumptions and will deliver the response to working group members in Majuro in July.

Bikini Cohort Feasibility Study: The Bikini delegation requested that DOE assess the feasibility of a health study for Bikini residents that DOE medically monitored for a limited period by special agreement with the Department of the Interior. Mr. William Jackson is the point of contact for this effort.

Environmental Monitoring 5-Year Plan: Ms. Kristina Stege requested, on behalf of the RMI Government, a draft 5-year plan and budget for environmental and support functions based on activities conducted under the existing Memorandums of Understanding with Enewetak, Rongelap, and Utrök. The Lawrence Livermore National Laboratory will undertake this task and report to the working group at its next meeting.

Compensating Marshallese with Radiation-Related Conditions: Ms. Stege agreed to provide Mr. Cary with a copy of the letter that Ambassador de Brum sent to the Department of Labor.

Increased Informal Contacts: The RMI members requested, and Mr. Cary affirmed, the need for more informal contact among the members.